



**Town of Arlington
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**Arlington Alert Call October 30, 2020
RE: COVID-19**

Good evening Arlington,

This is Arlington Town Manager, Adam Chapdelaine.

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation daily as the fight against COVID-19 is far from over.

We have all made extraordinary sacrifices to keep our case numbers down so we can keep schools and businesses open in Arlington. I applaud you all for your continued vigilance in following safety protocols. However, we have seen a recent uptick in positive cases. Yesterday, the state moved Arlington from green to yellow on its Community Level Data map. If we advance to red, we will begin the process of rolling back to previous phases of the State's Reopening Plan.

The increase in cases has been linked to informal gatherings.

As the cooler weather drives us indoors and the holiday season rapidly approaches, the tradition to gather with friends and family is strong. No one wants to spread the virus to loved ones, but COVID-19 doesn't take a holiday. In fact, the virus thrives in situations we most desire, being with each other.

This year for the holidays, or any celebration, we recommend you participate in lower risk activities, such as one-way trick-or-treating for Halloween and virtual gatherings or household-only celebrations for Thanksgiving.

We've posted on our website the low and moderate risk recommendations for gatherings by the CDC and state. Along with these recommendations, you can view COVID-19 updates, testing information, and sign up to receive these notifications via email at arlingtonma.gov/covid19.

Let's continue to work together to prevent a new outbreak. Please continue to follow safety protocols. If you are sick, stay home and get tested.

Arlington continues to rise to the occasion and shows itself as a caring and resilient community. Let's continue to do our part to keep our families, friends, and neighbors safe and keep our schools and businesses open.

Stay vigilant, stay well, and stay safe.